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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein which region around 405 bases 3' of the transcription start of the Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor gene is examined to detect the presence of a genetic polymorphism from Guanine to Cytosine.